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1. Boris Kraigher, Minister of Interior, is a Cominformist.* He recently declared to an unidentified political confidant that:
 - a. The Cominform is certain to remove the Tito-Communists from power and,
 - b. When one third of the Slovene Communists are Cominformists, he, Kraigher, will act to hand over Slovenia to the Soviet Union as a Soviet province.

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Comment: General Boris Kraigher, one of the leading Communists of Slovenia and personal friend of Edvard Kardelj, Boris Kidric and Ales Bebler, first distinguished himself as a wartime partisan leader. After the war he became secretary of the Communist Party of Venezia Giulia and in August 1946 he took over the Ministry of Interior for Slovenia and thus became chief of UDB for Slovenia. In this capacity he was considered as the key man for Yugoslav intelligence, propaganda, and other subversive activities in North Italy, Trieste and Austrian Carinthia. The recent Communist Party congresses in Belgrade and Ljubljana made him a member of the Politburo for Slovenia and member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party for Yugoslavia. His pre-war Communist indoctrination and activities, constitute a wholly internationalist background which would logically lead to his reported present attitude. Most of his friends in the Slovene Communist Party hierarchy, known for pre-war internationalism, have been reported secretly anti-Tito in this present dispute between the Cominform and Tito.

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